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~~12~~. (Amended) A composition comprising:

devitalized mammalian epithelial basement membrane and submucosa, wherein said basement membrane and submucosa are delaminated from the cells of a mammalian epithelium.

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~~13~~. (Amended) A method for manufacture of a devitalized tissue graft composition, comprising:

deepithelializing a mammalian epithelial tissue to form a devitalized tissue having an epithelial basement membrane; and,

abrading said devitalized tissue on an abluminal surface of said tissue to form a delaminated tissue, wherein the delaminated tissue remaining after abrading said tissue, comprises at least a portion of the epithelial basement membrane and said delaminated tissue comprising said basement membrane induces endogenous tissue restoration.

~~14~~. (Amended) The method of claim ~~13~~³ wherein deepithelializing said mammalian tissue comprises placing said tissue in a deepithelializing solution comprising 1.0 N saline.

[Please add new claims 31-42 as follows.

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~~31~~.⁸ (New) A matrix for inducing repair of tissue in a mammal, comprising:

an isolated devitalized mammalian epithelial basement membrane wherein said basement membrane is derived from small intestine, and the tunica propria immediately subjacent to said basement membrane.

~~32~~.⁹ (New) The composition of claim ~~14~~¹ further comprising cells.

~~33~~.¹⁰ (New) The composition of claim ~~32~~⁹ wherein said cells comprise cells from a cultured cell line.

~~34~~.¹¹ (New) A method for inducing repair of diseased, defective or damaged tissue in a mammal, said method comprising:

providing to the defect site, a devitalized matrix comprising a mammalian epithelial basement membrane wherein said matrix induces repair of said tissue when placed in contact with said tissue.

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35. (New) The method of claim ¹¹34 wherein said repair comprises induction of connective tissue repair and epithelial tissue repair at said tissue defect site.

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36. (New) The method of claim ¹¹34 wherein the source of said epithelial basement membrane is the intestine.

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37. (New) The method of claim ¹¹34 wherein the source of said epithelial basement membrane is the urinary bladder.

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38. (New) The method of claim ³13 wherein said epithelial tissue comprises intestine.

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39. (New) The composition of claim ²12 further comprising cells.

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40. (New) The composition of claim ¹⁶39 wherein said cells comprise cells from a cultured cell line.

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41. (New) The matrix of claim ⁸31 further comprising cells.

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42. (New) The matrix of claim ¹⁹41 wherein said cells comprise cells from a cultured cell line.

Please cancel claims 1-5, ⁷7-10, [✓]and 18-30, without prejudice, to their introduction into this or a related application.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-5 and 7-30 are pending in this application. Claims 11-17 are allowed. Claims 3, 29, and 30 are objected to as being based on a rejected claim. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10, and 18-28 are provisionally rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting.

Upon introduction of the claim amendments, claims 11-17 and 31-42 will be pending with claims 1-5, 7-10, and 18-30 being canceled, claims 12-14 being amended, and new claims 31-42 being introduced. No new matter is introduced. Support for new claims 31-42 may be found in the claims as originally-filed, and throughout the specification.

REMARKS

Claim 3, which depends from claim 1, and claims 29 and 30, which depend from claim 10, are objected to as being dependent on a rejected based claim but would be

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